

REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement between invention I - claims 1-5, drawn to apparatus and invention II - claims 6-8, drawn to method, applicants elect invention I - claims 1-5, drawn to apparatus. In light of such restriction requirement and the election, applicants, by the present amendment, have canceled claims 6-8 and on even date herewith are filing a divisional application presenting claims 6-8. Additionally, by the present amendment, the title has been amended to be indicative of the claimed invention herein.

In addition to the restriction requirement, the Examiner has required an election of a single disclosed species of the species of the apparatus identified as Species 1, Embodiment 1, Fig. 1; Species 2, Embodiment 2, Fig. 2; Species 3, Embodiment 3, Fig. 3; Species 4, Embodiment 4, Fig. 4; Species 5, Embodiment 5, Fig. 5; and Species 6, Embodiment 6, Fig. 6; while indicating that claim 1 is generic to the plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species.

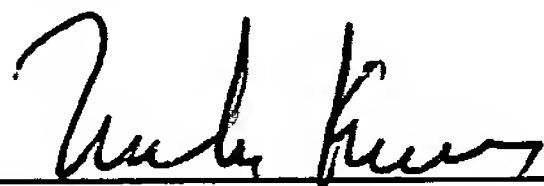
Applicants note that since the Examiner has recognized that claim 1 is a generic claim, and claims 2-5 depend from claim 1, upon allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of species in addition to the species elected. In order to provide a complete response to the election requirement, applicants elect Species 1, Embodiment 1, Fig. 1, and applicants submit that claims 1-5 are readable thereon.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants request favorable action with respect to claims 1-5 of this application.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing

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Respectfully submitted,

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